



SALT LAKE AREA GANG PROJECT

METRO GANG UNIT | CHOOSE GANG FREE | RESIDENTS AGAINST GRAFFITI



SALT LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIFF ROSIE RIVERA

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF SERVICE 1849 – 2024



METRO GANG UNIT

Participating Agencies

Local:

- Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office
- Unified Police Department
- West Jordan City Police Department
- Sandy City Police Department
- West Valley City Police Department
- Herriman City Police Department
- Taylorsville City Police Department
- Salt Lake City Police Department
- Murray City Police Department
- South Salt Lake City Police Department
- Saratoga Springs Police Department
- Bluffdale City Police Department
- Granite School District Police Department
- Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office

State:

- Utah Department of Public Safety
- State - Bureau of Investigations
- Utah Department of Public Safety
- State – Statewide Information & Analysis Center (SIAC)
- Utah Department of Corrections - Adult Probation and Parole
- Utah Department of Corrections - Law Enforcement Bureau

Federal:

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Homeland Security (HSI)
- United States Marshals Service
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
- US Attorney's Office

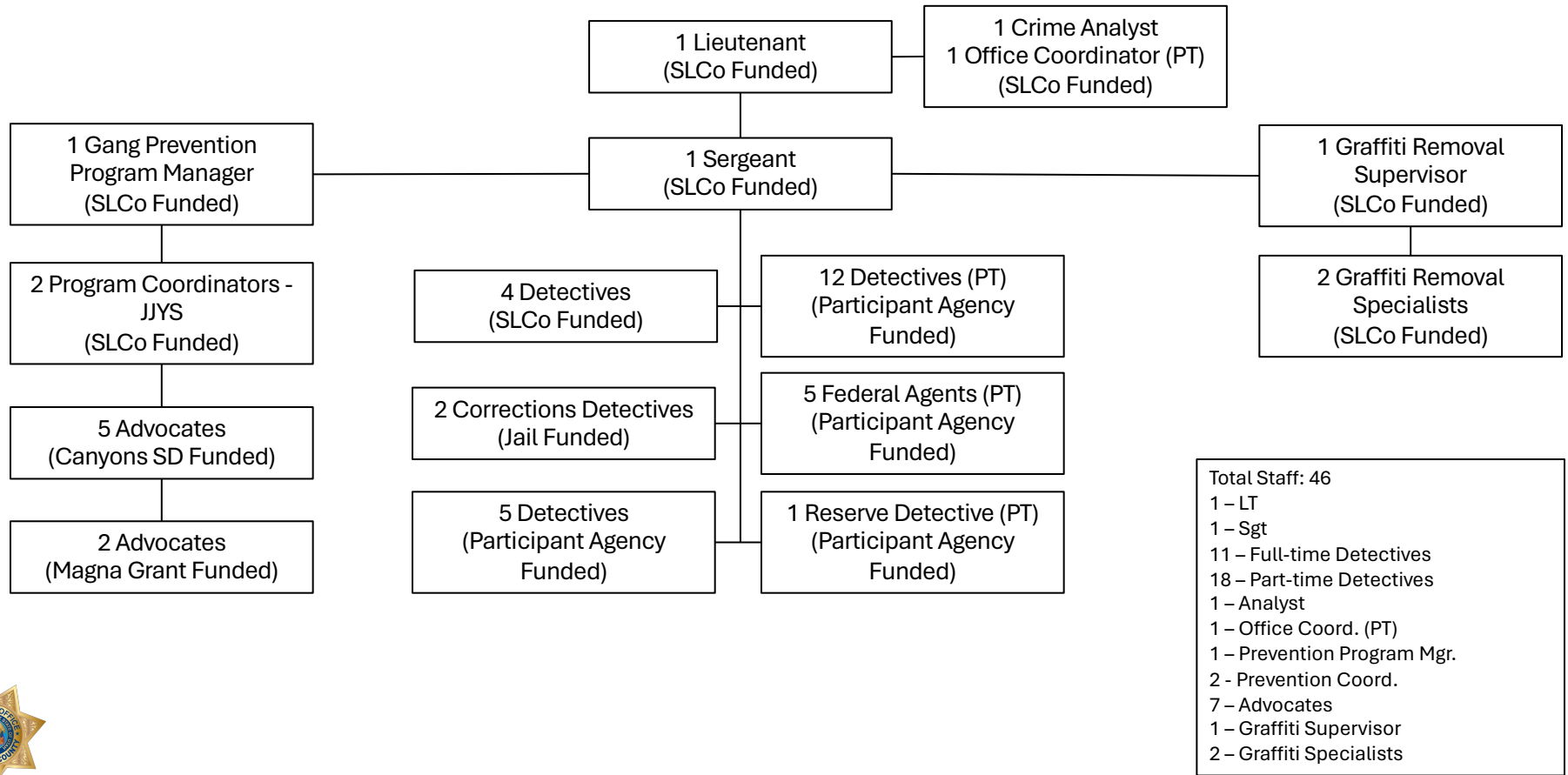
Participating agencies provide a full- or part-time person to the unit

The Salt Lake Area Gang Project provides investigation, documentation, and suppression of criminal gang activity; prevention and intervention strategies for youth and young adults; and education to all community members of Salt Lake County and the surrounding regions. This is a task force-style unit operating under the direction of the elected Sheriff and a governing board.





METRO GANG UNIT STAFFING



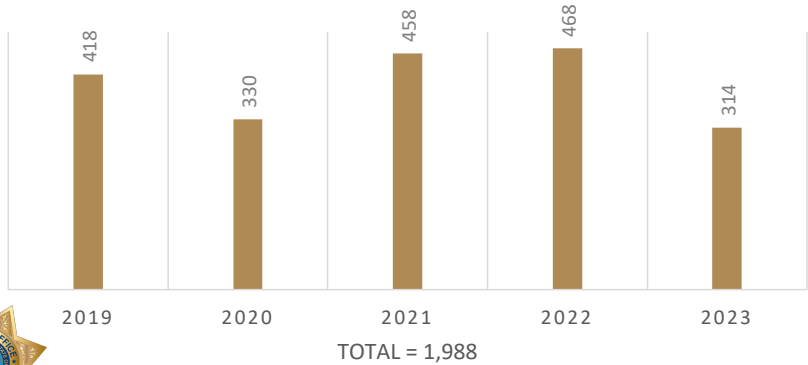


SLCO & UTAH GANG ISSUES



2019 - 2023 MGU ACTIVITY SUMMARY	
Investigations Conducted	1,988
Agency assists	3,101
Arrests	2,938
Cases Screened - Federal	360
Cases Screened - SLCo DA	560
Field Cards	1,403
Narcotics seized (pounds)	1,400

INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED



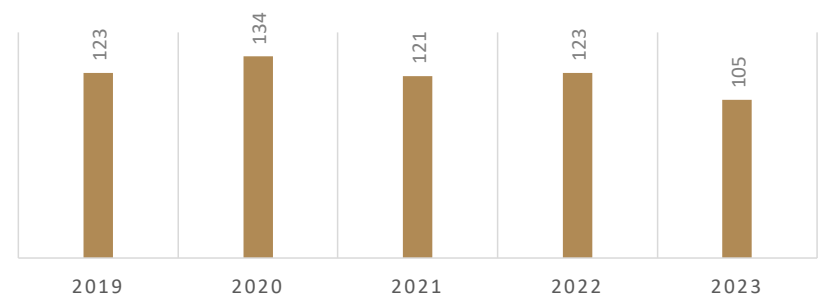
- Gangs are becoming more organized
- Expanding statewide
- Juvenile involvement is increasing
- Primary funding source for gangs are drugs and criminal activity, including robbery, theft, and other violent crime
- Firearm related offenses are increasing



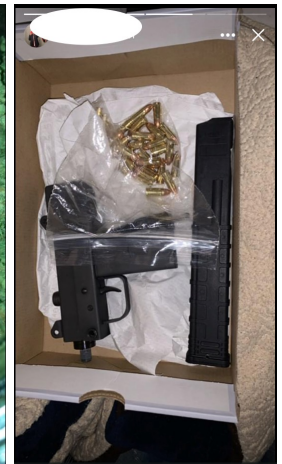
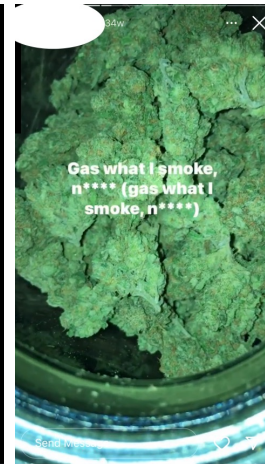
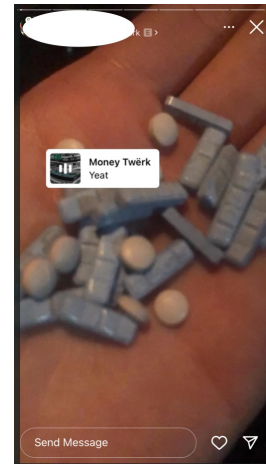
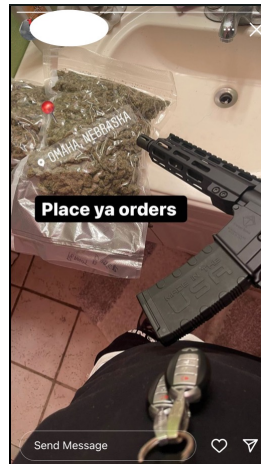
DRUG & GUN SEIZURE DATA (2019-2023)

- 35,022 fentanyl pills in 2023 alone
- 58,752 prescription pills
- 339 pounds of methamphetamine
- 19 pounds of cocaine
- 23 pounds of heroin
- 177 pounds of marijuana
- 606 firearms

FIREARMS SEIZED

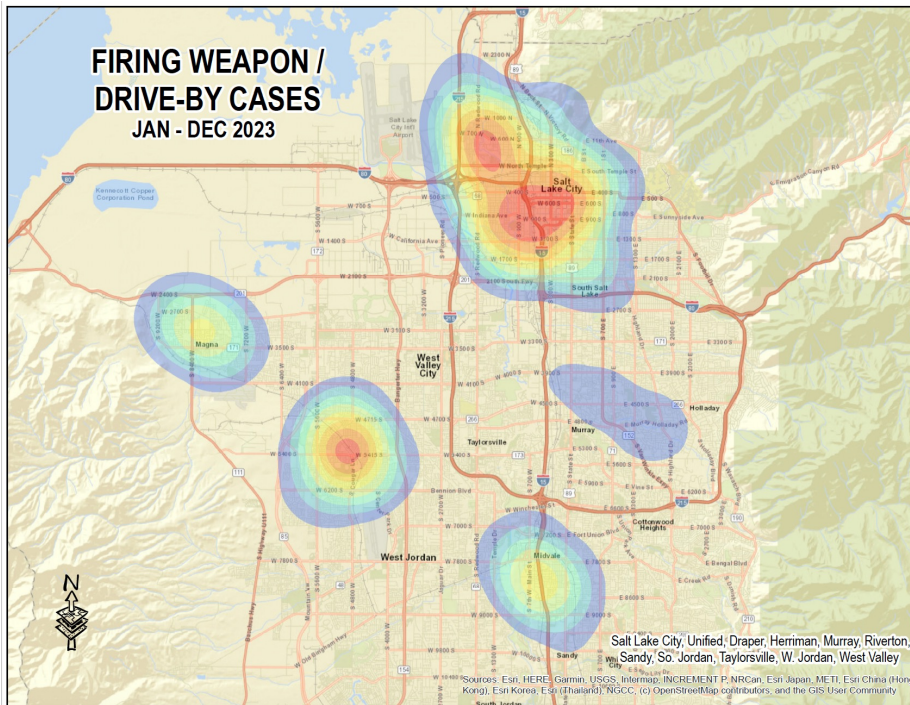


TOTAL = 606



NIBIN & CGIC – DPS STATEWIDE PARTNER

NIBIN: NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION NETWORK | CGIC: CRIME GUN INFORMATION CENTER



- MGU operates the CGIC in partnership with DPS
 - Found substantial overlap in gun investigations with gangs
- NIBIN is an investigative tool that catalogues shell casing
 - Every firearm leaves a “fingerprint” on a shell casing
 - When casings are recovered from a crime, (i.e., drive-by) they are run through NIBIN
 - This helps investigators connect cases and solve crimes





CHOOSE GANG FREE – PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

- 5th & 8th grade curriculum in high demand
 - Reviewing 2nd grade curriculum
- Canyons & Granite Districts currently use curriculum
 - Jordan & Ogden Districts will add the curriculum 24/25 school year
- Strong partnership with JJYS working with gang-involved youth in-custody
- New partnership with Utah Department of Corrections

1 Program Manager (SLCo funded)
2 Program Coordinators – JJYS (SLCo funded)
5 Advocates (Canyons School District funded)
2 Advocates (Magna Grant funded)





RESIDENTS AGAINST GRAFFITI

1 Program Manager (SLCo funded)
2 Graffiti Removal Specialists (SLCo funded)



- Removes graffiti across the county
- 11,758 sites cleaned 2019-2023

TATTOO REMOVAL

Gang tattoos are a barrier for individuals seeking to leave the gang lifestyle

- Partnership with U of U
- Helped DOC get a laser at the prison



THANK YOU